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FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER
TO : AMBASSADOR ELLSWORTH BUNKER
CITE: WH1011

THE PRESIDENT AND I WERE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR AND GENERAL ABRAMS' VIEWS CONTAINED IN SAIGON 0341. THE PRESIDENT WAS VERY PLEASED TO HAVE BOTH OF YOUR FRANK AND CANDID APPRAISALS SO MUCH SO THAT HE HAS REQUESTED THAT YOU AND GENERAL ABRAMS UPDATE THE MESSAGE AND FORWARD IT THROUGH REGULAR CHANNELS TO BOTH SECRETARIES ROGERS AND LAIRD. THE PRESIDENT BELIEVES THAT ALL RECIPIENTS WILL BENEFIT GREATLY FROM THIS ASSESSMENT, MODIFIED OF COURSE TO REFLECT THAT IT HAS BEEN PREPARED AT YOUR INITIATIVE.
BEST PERSONAL REGARD TO YOU AND GENERAL ABRAMS. ...

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March 4, 1971

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger *HAJ*
TO: Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker

The President and I were very grateful for your and General Abrams' views contained in Saigon 0341. The President was very pleased to have both of your frank and candid appraisals so much so that he has requested that you and General Abrams update the message and forward it through regular channels ~~with information copies~~ to both Secretaries Rogers and Laird. The President believes that all recipients will benefit greatly from this assessment, modified of course to reflect that it has been prepared at your initiative.

Best personal regards to you and General Abrams.

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